



RAC 2013 Accomplishments







RAC 2013 Mission Statement

The mission of the Recreation Advisory
Commission (RAC) is to advocate for the
Department of Parks and Recreation and
the Durham Community.





Recreation Advisory Commission Facts

Board Membership

 The Recreation Advisory Commission (RAC) consists of nine members appointed by the Durham City Council.

Meeting Time

 The RAC meets the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. at Durham Parks & Recreation's main office.



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RAC Meetings







2013 Theme

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An unwanted story



My View Lynden Harris

"ANTIQUE BIKES SWAP MEET AND PRAYER RIDE."

I puzzle over the all-capital-lettered sign at a rural intersection. I love the Harvard comma, but who needs punctuation when its absence is so promising? How can we swap before we meet? Are

Mayor wants to fix parks first

Bell wants city to focus on existing facilities before building new

> By JIM WISE jwise@newsobserver.com

When the talk at last week's City Council work session got around to new parks and recreation facilities, Mayor Bill Bell had a question.

"Who has ownership of the facilities?" he said. "I don't see clear lines of responsibility for maintenance of parks and recreation."



The question came up after Parks and Recreation Director Rhonda Parker and Assistant Director Beth Timson presented their department's new master

plan and asked the council to adopt the master plan, which updates a it. The plan mentioned public interest in new parks and recreation cen-



plan from 2003.

Timson had already said better upkeep was a priority in ity for tasks. ...

when I'm not comfort-

maintenance I'm see-

ing now," Bell said.

ters in southern Durham, an athlet- in a park you see nothing broken, growing in a sandbox and swing ic complex, new trails and swim- nothing neglected, nothing dys- sets were rusty. "Who owns the functional," she said, commenting equipment?" "I am hard pressed to talk about do- after several minutes' discussion of

ing anything new park bathrooms.

The plan itself addresses the isable with the level of sue: "The surest and most direct way of improving park mainte-nance is increasing DPR's general operating budget and staff and establishing clear lines of responsibil-

"That's what I'm talking about," Bell said. He mentioned being "It is our goal that when you walk shown one park where grass was

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2013 RAC Topics – Top 3

- Accreditation involvement
- Master Plan submission
 - Current topics:
 - Optimizing current facilities and programs
 - Making connections
 - Looking to the future:
 - Improving sustainability
- RAC Community outreach and involvement extension









2013 DPR Challenges

- Department
 - Internally a busy year with accreditation and master plan
- External
 - Optimizing current facilities and programs
 - Park maintenance
 - Vandalism
 - Project delays
 - Making Connections
 - Coordination between community partners
 - Diverse population and needs





2013 Highlights

Month	Activity
January	 DPR 2012 accomplishments Deputy city manager attended
February	DPR Master Plan discussionAccreditation process overview
March	 ONDP field Members attended Coffees with Council Meeting space Trails Budget
April	Master Plan previewPARCS dataRecommendations





2013 Highlights

Month	Activity
May	 Accreditation committee visit RAC volunteer opportunities and community participation Master plan updates
June	Summer programsBudget updatesPark vandalism
August	 Master plan presentation to council overview Next steps to keep up the momentum
September	 KaBOOM project success at Oakwood park Gun ordinance ONDP discussion DCVB and sport tourism





2013 Highlights

Month	Activity
October	 Athletic Facility use and allocation policy approved Recreation and Leisure tourism Accreditation approval 501C3 Update
November	Budget and Parks/Trails fundingDCVB presentation overview of sports marketing
December	 Looking forward to 2014 focus on park maintenance and funding Continued focus on community involvement and how to continue momentum





2013 Community Engagement

RAC members serve as ambassadors for DPR by fostering and enhancing the relationship between the department and the community. As advocates, the RAC...

- Communicates with neighborhoods and forwards input to DPR.
- Participates in the community through athletic leagues and leadership roles in recreation organizations.
- Approves support for partnerships with local organizations.
 The partnerships can include allowing access to recreational activities for individuals with limited resources (fee waivers).





2013 Community Involvement

RAC Involvement

- Accreditation events
- Coffees with Council
- Citizens Board Member (CBM) Forum 2013
- Hillandale Golf Course Advisory Committee
- Elmira Park grand opening ceremony
- Staff celebration event celebrating resident satisfaction survey results
- Senior Holiday Party
- ATC Concert series
- Rock the Park
- Outdoor festivals
- PAC meetings
- National Night Out



Accreditation Involvement





Meeting with City of Durham CVB





Community Events Involvement







2014: Looking forward

- RAC community outreach continues and expands
- Park access and safety for diverse interests/groups
- Funding for master plan initiatives especially focused on current facilities
- Accessing sports tourism and events





2013 RAC Commission Statement & Members

The RAC is pleased to serve the City of Durham, Mayor and City Council as advisors on Parks and Recreation.

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